



Terms of Reference

Position Title:	EUSR Economic Adviser
Position Reference Number:	IS2020/05
Direct Supervisor:	EUSR Senior Adviser
Duty Station:	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Position available	October 2020

The powers and authorities of the EUSR and the powers and authorities of the Head of European Union Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina are vested in the same person. The EUSR's mandate includes facilitating progress on political, economic and European priorities in close coordination with European Commission and EEAS in order to ensure consistency with other relevant activities falling within the competence of the Union.

The Adviser is a member of the 'Front Office' of the EUSR/Head of Delegation and the Deputy Head of Delegation which provides strategic planning and coordination services to the EUSR led by a Senior Adviser to the EUSR. The Office works closely with the other EU Office Heads of Sections who carry the responsibility of their respective policy areas and portfolios. The Economic Adviser supports the strategic planning and coordination activities of the Front Office and additionally and specifically plays a leading role in the EUSR's facilitation of the socio-economic reform process in full coordination with the competent services of the European Commission.

The EUSR modus operandi and internal organisation will necessarily evolve in accordance with decisions of the Council and in relation to the challenges the EUSR meets in BiH. The outlined role and functions are therefore typical but not exclusive and the EUSR reserves the right to reasonably amend those stated here within in a view to ensure that all Union instruments in the field are applied coherently to attain the Union's policy objectives.

Typical Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide advice to the EUSR in line with the EUSR's mandate to "facilitate progress on political, economic and European standards priorities".
- To provide substantive economic analysis and advice on economic reforms in BiH and more broadly upon their impact on BiH political processes, governments and legislative bodies.
- Liaise and co-ordinate with other appropriate international community actors on matters relating to economic reform.
- Monitor and report upon institutional developments and institutional reforms related to economic matters regularly and on ad hoc basis.
- Other tasks as reasonably assigned by the EUSR.

Professional Requirements/Qualifications

- University Degree in a relevant domain. A related advanced level degree qualification in economics would be an advantage.
- Preferably at least 10 years of relevant professional experience related to analysis and advice on economic policy and socio-economic matters, working in an EU or international organization/institution;

- Broad knowledge and experience of transition economics, preferably in the context of EU related policies for Enlargement, South Eastern Europe, Western Balkans and BiH.
- Good knowledge of the European Union institutions and EU policies for enlargement and in particular for BiH ;
- Good knowledge of the International Finance Institutions, and their policies towards BiH and the Western Balkans;
- A reasonable understanding of the BiH political and economic environment and/or other working experience(s) in Western Balkans.

Competencies & Attributes

- Experience of interacting with interlocutors at senior government/ministerial level;
- A team-player; taking initiative and working in team setting with high sense of confidentiality and flexibility;
- Willingness to work long hours with focus on results and objectives;
- Ability to operate independently;
- Excellent communication and reporting skills in English language [both spoken and written];
- ICT skills commensurate with the scope of the post;
- Good interpersonal skills to interact within multicultural environment;
- Knowledge of the official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina is an asset;

General conditions

- National of a Member State of the European Union;
- The Candidate will need to be in possession of a necessary level of security clearance (EU Secret or equivalent) for the post. Further advice may be provided upon request;
- The Candidate will need to be certified medically fit for employment by a competent authority/person in the country of the candidate's residence.